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to Tuesday, the first day of June next; then to consider and act upon the question of awarding the Rumford Premium.

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**Five hundred and tenth meeting.**

June 1, 1862. — ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING.

The PRESIDENT in the chair.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters relative to the exchanges of the Academy.

Professor Child presented a paper, entitled, "Observations on the Language of Chaucer."

On motion of Professor Horsford, seconded by Professor Treadwell, it was voted : —

"That the Rumford Premium be awarded to John B. Ericsson, for his improvements in the management of heat, particularly as shown in his Caloric Engine of 1858."

On motion of Dr. Morrill Wyman, the following resolution was passed, viz. : —

"That the sum of six hundred dollars be paid by the Academy, from the Rumford Fund, to Philander Shaw, of the city of Boston, to be expended by him in experiments or investigations relative to air-engines; said experiments and investigations being, in the opinion of the Academy, such as will facilitate and encourage the making of a discovery or improvement which may merit the Rumford Premium or Medals."

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**Five hundred and eleventh meeting.**

August 12, 1862. — STATUTE MEETING.

The PRESIDENT in the chair.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters received relating to the exchanges of the Academy. Also a letter from the Secretary of the American Oriental Society, conveying the thanks of that Society to the American Academy for the use of its hall.